



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Srinivasan, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/043,645

Filed: 01/10/2002

For: Eluent Purifier and Method of Use

Customer No.: 67374

Confirmation No.: 6048

Examiner: J. Ludlow

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1743

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 23, 2006, please enter a Request for Continued Examination and the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for Extension of Time of one month is enclosed, making this a timely filing.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees required for this response to our Deposit Account 50-0310.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.